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FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF STATEMENT RELEASED BY DEPARTMENT  
TODAY:

"THE UNITED STATES REGRETS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF  
ARGENTINA, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE  
HEMISPHERE, HAS POSTPONED THE BUENOS AIRES MEETING OF  
FOREIGN MINISTERS SCHEDULED FOR LATE MARCH.

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"THE PROXIMATE CAUSE OF THE POSTPONEMENT IS THE

APPARENT EXCLUSION OF ALL OPEC COUNTRIES, INCLUDING ECUADOR AND VENEZUELA, FROM THE NEW TARIFF PREFERENCE SYSTEM. AS IS WELL KNOWN, THE ADMINISTRATION OPPOSED THIS AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS CONTAINED IN THE TRADE BILL, AND HAS PLEDGED TO WORK WITH THE CONGRESS TO CORRECT THEM. THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER SO STATED PUBLICLY AS DID OUR REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES LAST WEEK.

"GIVEN THESE STATEMENTS REGARDING OUR VIEWS AND INTENTIONS, WE CANNOT BUT CONSIDER IT INAPPROPRIATE THAT SOME LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES HAVE INSISTED ON CONDITIONS FOR THE BUENOS AIRES MEETING WHICH THEY KNOW TO BE INCOMPATIBLE WITH OUR CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESSES, AS WELL AS SUBSTANTIVELY UNJUST.

"THERE IS NO QUESTION -- AND WE HAVE EMPHASIZED THIS TO OUR LATIN AMERICAN FRIENDS -- THAT, DESPITE CERTAIN DEFICIENCIES IN THE TRADE ACT, THERE ARE MANY BENEFITS. FOR EXAMPLE, UNDER OUR PROPOSED SYSTEM OF TARIFF PREFERENCES, WE ESTIMATE THAT MORE THAN 30 PERCENT BY VALUE OF DUTIABLE LATIN AMERICAN EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES WILL BE GRANTED TARIFF-FREE TREATMENT. IN ABSOLUTE AMOUNTS, TARIFFS WILL BE ELIMINATED ON OVER \$750 MILLION WORTH OF LATIN AMERICAN EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES. IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT LATIN AMERICAN EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES HAVE MORE THAN DOUBLED IN VALUE SINCE 1972.

"THE TRADE ACT ALSO AUTHORIZES US TO BEGIN THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA. THESE NEGOTIATIONS WILL LEAD TO REDUCTION OF TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF BARRIERS TO TRADE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO ALL THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING LATIN AMERICA. MOREOVER, THEY WILL BENEFIT LATIN AMERICA AND INDEED THE ENTIRE WORLD TRADING COMMUNITY BY PROVIDING A DETERRENT TO PROTECTIONISM AROUND THE WORLD -- A MATTER OF VITAL IMPORT GIVEN TODAY'S ECONOMIC CLIMATE.

THE UNITED STATES, IN THE FALL OF 1973, BEGAN A NEW DIALOGUE WITH LATIN AMERICA TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH  
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OUR TRADITIONAL FRIENDS IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE. WE HOPED THAT BOTH SIDES WOULD DEVELOP A CLOSER UNDERSTANDING OF EACH OTHER'S PROBLEMS. OVER THE PAST YEAR WE HAVE JOINTLY MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS TOWARD THIS OBJECTIVE. IN THIS PROCESS THE UNITED STATES HAS RENOUNCED ANY METHOD OF PRESSURE AS OBSOLETE AND INAPPROPRIATE TO THE NEW RELATIONSHIP WE SEEK. WE BELIEVE THIS IS A RECIPROCAL OBLIGATION. PRESSURE FROM THE SOUTH

IS AS INAPPROPRIATE AS PRESSURE FROM THE NORTH.

"WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH OUR LATIN AMERICAN FRIENDS ON THE PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE ARISEN IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRADE ACT IN A SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP. WE WILL ADDRESS COOPERATIVELY THE MANY ISSUES WHICH COMPRISE THE AGENDA OF THE NEW DIALOGUE IN THE SAME SPIRIT OF CONCILIATION AND FRIENDSHIP." KISSINGER

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